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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 17, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 17, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on November 17, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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